

News from Ipswich.

Discovering certaine late detestable practises of some domineering Lordly Prelates, to undermine the established doctrine and discipline of our Church, extirpate all Orthodox sincere Preachers and preaching of Gods Word, usher in Popery, Superstition and Idolatry; with their late notorious purgations of the new Fast-booke, contrary to his Majesties Proclamation, and their intolerable affronts therein offered to the most Illustrious Lady ~~the~~ the Kinge onely Sister, and her Children, (even whiles they are now royally entertained at Court) in blotting them out of the Collect; and to his Majesty, his Queene. and their Royall Progeny, in blotting them out of the number of Gods Elect.

JER. 23. 1.

Was he unto the Pastors that destroy and scatter the Sheepe of my Pasture, saith the Lord.

ACTS 20. 28, 29.

Take heed therefore unto your selves, and to all the Flocke over the which the holy Ghost hath made you Bishops, to feed the Church of God, which hee hath purchased with his owne blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the Flock.



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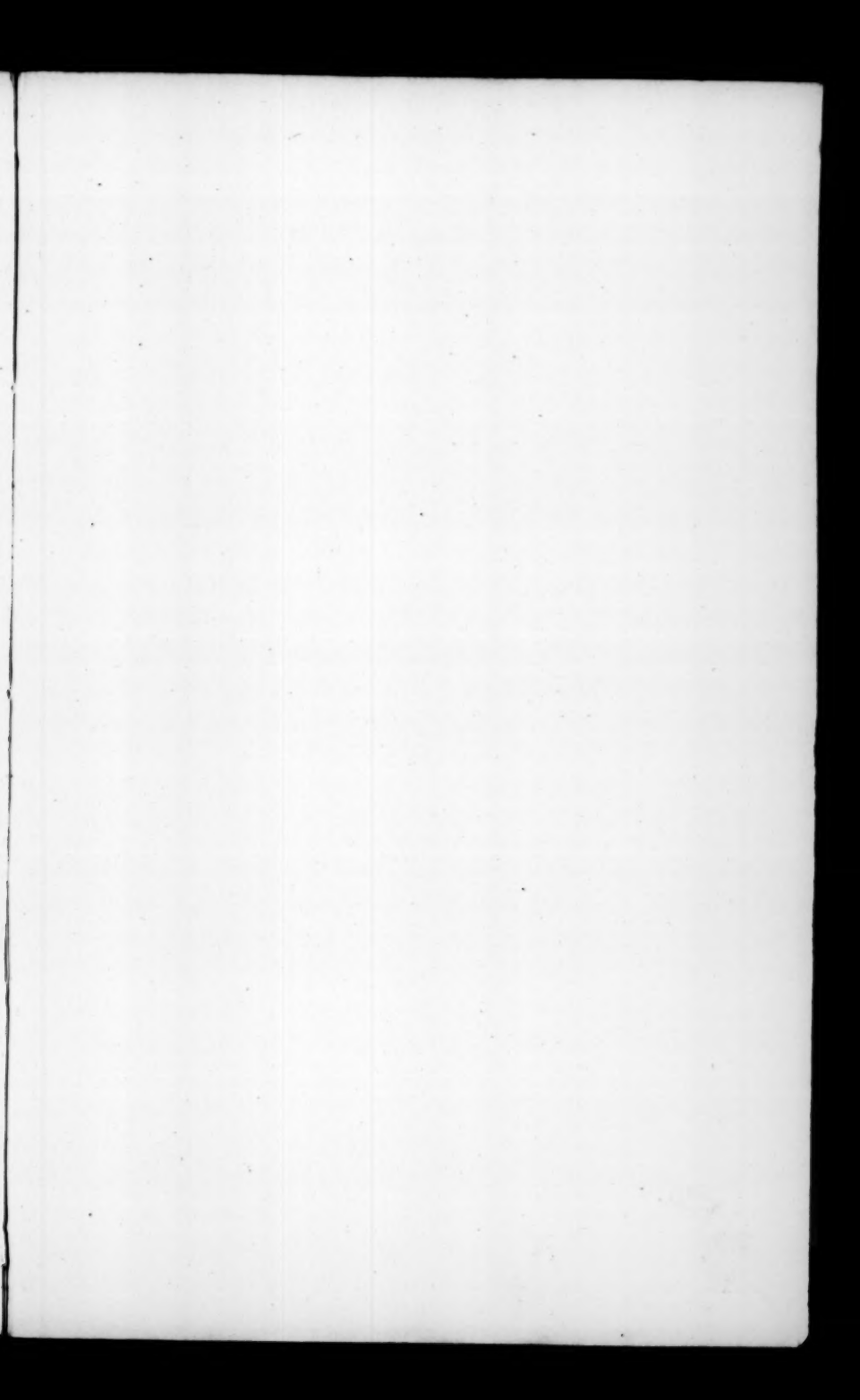
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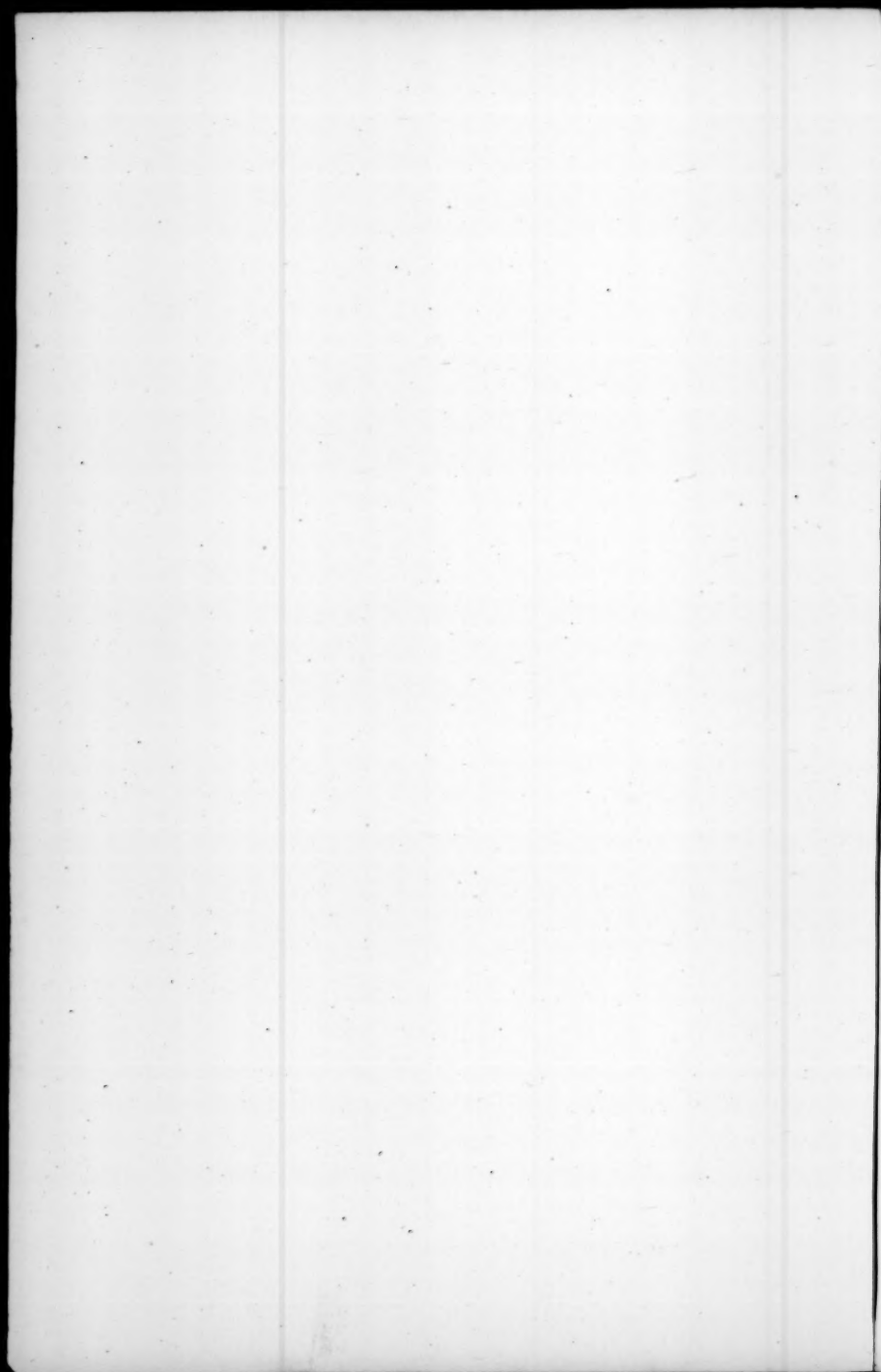
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CHRISTIAN Reader, this is the deplorable Newes of our present age, that our Presses formerly open onely to *Truth and Piety*, are closed up against them both of late, and patent for the most part, to nought but *error, superstition, and prophanes*. Witnes those ^amany *prophane erroneous, impious books*, printed within these 3. yeares by authority, (point-blanke against the established doctrine of the Church of England, and his Majesties pious ^bDeclarations) in defence of *Arminianisme, Popery, and Popish ceremonies*; and which is yet more impious and detestable, against ^cthe very morality of the Sabbath, and ^dCom-mandement: the divine institution, rule and entire religious sanctification of the Lords-day **SABBATH** and the necessity of frequent preaching, (exceedingly pressed in our ^eHomilies, and book of ^fOrdination) which some of our unpreaching, domineering secular Prelates (out of their Arch-piety towards God, and Arch-charity to the peoples soules which they seeke to murder,) now so far detest, that they not only give over preaching themselves, as no part of their function; & suppress most weekday Lectures in divers Countries; but have likewise lately shut up the mouthes of sundry of our most godly, powerfull, painefull Preachers, (who have wooon more soules to God in a yeare, than all the Lord Bishops in England or the world have done in divers ages) out of mere malice to religion, and the peoples salvation; contrary to the very Lawes of God and the Realme; and strictly prohibited, under paine of suspension, in sundry Diocesse, all afternoone Sermons on the Lords down Day; that to the prophane vulgar might have more time to *dance, play, revell, drinke, and prophane Gods Sabbath*, even in these times of plague and pestilence, &c. draw downe more plagues & judgements on us, for this sin of Sabbath-breaking, when as not onely the ^hSynod of Dort, but ⁱsundry Popish Synods and Bishops have bin so religious, as to prescribe **TWO SERMONS** every Lords-day at least, in every parish Church, to keepe the people from such prophanations of this sacred Day. Alas what could ^kBelzebul the Prince of Devils, had hee beene an Archbishop, or Lordly Prelate here in England (as there were many *Divels Bishops, at least, Bishops Devils, in* ^lBernards age, and most feare there are too many now,) have done

the life of King Iuc. ^d Preface to them, Of the right use of the Church. ^e Exhortation to those that are to be made Ministers. ^f Bp Laxmors 6. 4. 5. ^g Sermons before King Edward, and the sermons of the Plough. ^h Neh. 2. 17. ⁱ 8 Levit. 26. 46. to 55. Jer. 17. 17. Ezech. 20. 13. to 23. the Fastbooke 1. Iacobi & Caroli, and the examples of Gods judgements upon Sabbath-breakers. ^j Scissio 14. ^k Apud Bochel. Decreta Eccles. Gal. l. 1. Tit. 3. c. 10. 11, 13. ^l 6. 17, 18, 37, 52. & 1. 4. Tit. 7. c. 26. ^m Matth 12. 24. ⁿ Sermo 33. in Cant. & in Concil. Rhemenis,

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more against the strict intire sanctification of the Christian Sabbath day, to ^m make it the Divells day instead of the Lords day, and to advance his owne kingdome and service on it; or against the frequent powerfull Preachers, and preaching of Gods Word, and salvation of the peoples soules, then some Luciferian Lord-Bishops have lately done? whose impiety in this kind transcends all presidents whatsoever in former ages. And yet these prophane, atheittical graceles persecutors of all holines, piety, sincerity, godly Ministers, and preaching of Gods Word (yea in these pettilentiall times, as meanes to spread the plague, though the ⁿ Scripture, and ^o all former ages have prescribed fasting, preaching, and praying, as the chiefe antidots and cure against it) will needs be Lord Bishops ^h *In re divino* by the holy Ghosts owne institution, (who never yet intituled any ⁴ unpreaching, rarepreaching Prelates, or persecutors and suppressors of preaching) and shame not to stile themselves, the ^r godly holy Fathers of our Church, and Pillars of our faith, when as their fruits and actions manifest them to bee nought else but the very *Step-fathers* and *Caterpillars*, the very pests and plagues of both. Take due note fresh instance for an example: these desperate Archagents for the Divell, and Pope of Rome, and Master-underminers of our religion, as they were the onely instruments of delaying the present generall fast in the beginning of the pestilence, ^t when it was most acceptable and requisite, so to shew their inveterate malice against preaching (^t the thing that the Divell wrestleth most against all whose study hath bene to decay the office of preaching, which should not be deminished) they (contrary to his Majesties pious intention, who hath to ^u *often protested against all innovations*) have cunningly caused all Sermons (*the very life and soule of a fast, as being the onely means to humble men for their sins: & bring them to repentance,*) to be prohibited on the fast-day, both in London and the Suburbs, and in al other infected places during the time of the infection in them; in parishes not infected, (as if preaching only of all Gods ordinances were pestilenci- all, & that on the fastday, not on others;) contrary to the presidents of all former ages, & the ^v Orders for the generall fasts in the two last great plagues which prescribed two Sermons, of one houre long apeece, forenoone and afternoone every fastday, and that as wel in parishes infected as others:

Epist. Ded. before his Exposition of his *Atchisms* in the Communion booke, & p. 2. Num. 16. 46. ^r Bp. Latimers 4. & 6 Sermons before King Edw which I would our Prelates would now peruse, and his Sermon of the Plough: a Declaration before the 39. Articles, and of the dissolution of the Parliament. p. 21. 42. ^r Zeph. 1. 1, 2, 3. ^r Ilay 58. 1. to 8. ^r Jer. 23. 19. c. 36. 6. to 11. ^r Acts 16. 18. ^r Heb. 12. 13. ^r 1 Tim. 2. 15. 26. ^r Order 6. for the Fast.

^m Hom. 3. against rebellion p. 293 and of the time & place of prayer.
ⁿ 2 Chron. 6. 28, 29, 30. c. 7. 12
^o 14. Num. 25. 6. to 10
^p Joel 1 & 2
^q Zeph 2. 1, 2, 3.
^r See the Fastbooke: 1 Iacobi. & Caroli.
^s Bp. Bancrofts Sermon, & Bp. Whites
^t Treatise of the Sabbath day, Epist. Ded.
^u Act. 13. 28. 1 Tim. 3 2 c. 11. to 17. 12 1 Tim. 4. 14. 5. c. Tit 1. 9. c. 2. 1. to 13. c. 3. 1. to 12. 1 Pet. 5. 1. 2. 1. 1
^v Bp. White Epist. Ded. to his Treatise of the Sabbath: & Rheu.
^w Zeph. 1. 1, 2, 3.
^x 1 Tim. 2. 15. 26.
^y Order 6. for the Fast.

even in the Summer season, when the infection was more contagious
 and raging than now. By which device they have not only made this
 fast distastfull to all ** sorts* of men in infected places, who have little
 heart unto it, robbed the poore of much charitable reliefe, and depriv-
 ed the people of the spiritual food & Physick of their soules, when
 they need and desire it most, to their intolerable griefe & discontent,
 but quite suppressed all settled Wednesday Lectures in London and
 other infected Townes, as long as the infection shall continue in any
 one parish, though it should last these 7. yeares (the thing they prin-
 cipally aimed at:) forced many Ministers & people to flie out of infe-
 cted places into the Country, to keep their fasts where there is prea-
 ching; brought in a ** famine of Gods Word, the greatest plague of all o-
 thers, to the increasing & farther spreading of the present pestilence;*
 & drawing downe of Gods wrath upon us: *the uttermost, by inhibiting*
Ministers in the time of greatest need, to preach unto the people that they
may be saved. O heavens stand amazed at this unparalleld practise of
 impious popish Prelates! But is this all? No verily. For whereas his
 Majesty *b* commanded, that the booke of Common prayer for the fast, for-
 merly set forth by his authority upon the like occasion should be reprinted;
 these Romish Inquisitors have miserably gelded it, after it was new
 printed, in sundry particulars. First, they have purged out the prayer
 for *seasonable weather*; one cause of the shipwracks, & tempestuous un-
 seasonable weather ever since its publication. Secondly, they have da-
 mned *the Lady Elizabeth and her children, in the old Collect*, quite out
 of the new; as they have expunged both them, with our gracious
 King Queene, and their children out of the catalogue of Gods elect,
 by blotting out this clause (*who are the father of chine elect and of their*
seed) out of the Collect for them in this and all new Common prayer
 booke, as if they were all reprobates, & none of the number of Gods
 elect; either to a temporall or an eternall crowne. O intolerable
 impiety, affront, and horrid Treason. Thirdly, they have left
 out this Collect: *It had bene best for us &c.* in the new booke, (though
 the most effectfull prayer of all) because it magnifies continual, of-
 ten preaching of Gods Word, and the Scriptures, and calls our powerfull
 Preachers, Gods servants. A signe these Prelates have conspired toge-
 ther like so many execrable Traytors, to extirpate our frequent pow-
 erfull Preachers and continuall preaching of Gods Word (as they have
 done in many places of late) though prescribed by God himselfe & our
 Homile *cs* Fourthly, they have daunted this remarkable clause: out of
 the first Collect. *Thou hast delivered us from superstition and idolatry*
(two grand causes both of many former, and our present plagues no
doubt,)

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 fast, and a
 mock-fast.

Amos 8

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1 Thes. 2

15, 16

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30, 9 to 17

Chron.

34, 16

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Queene, &c.

1 Tim. 4

2 to 5

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19, 47, c. 21

37, Iohn

18, 0. Act

3, 46, 47, c

5, 42

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the church

Num. 29

1, 30, 40, c

3, 16, Iohn

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2 Chro. 21

13, 14, Ps

106, 8, 29

Bzees, 11

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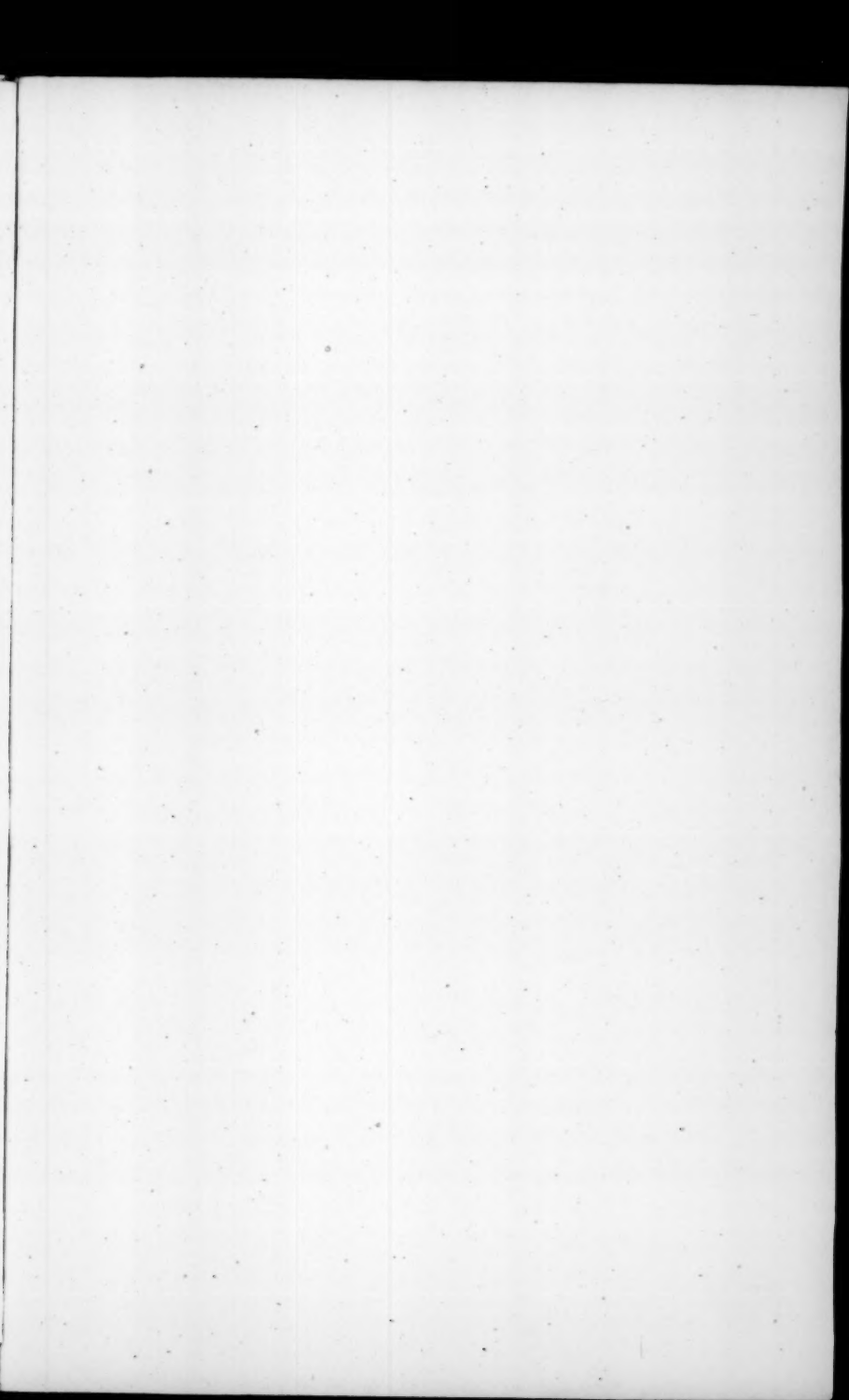
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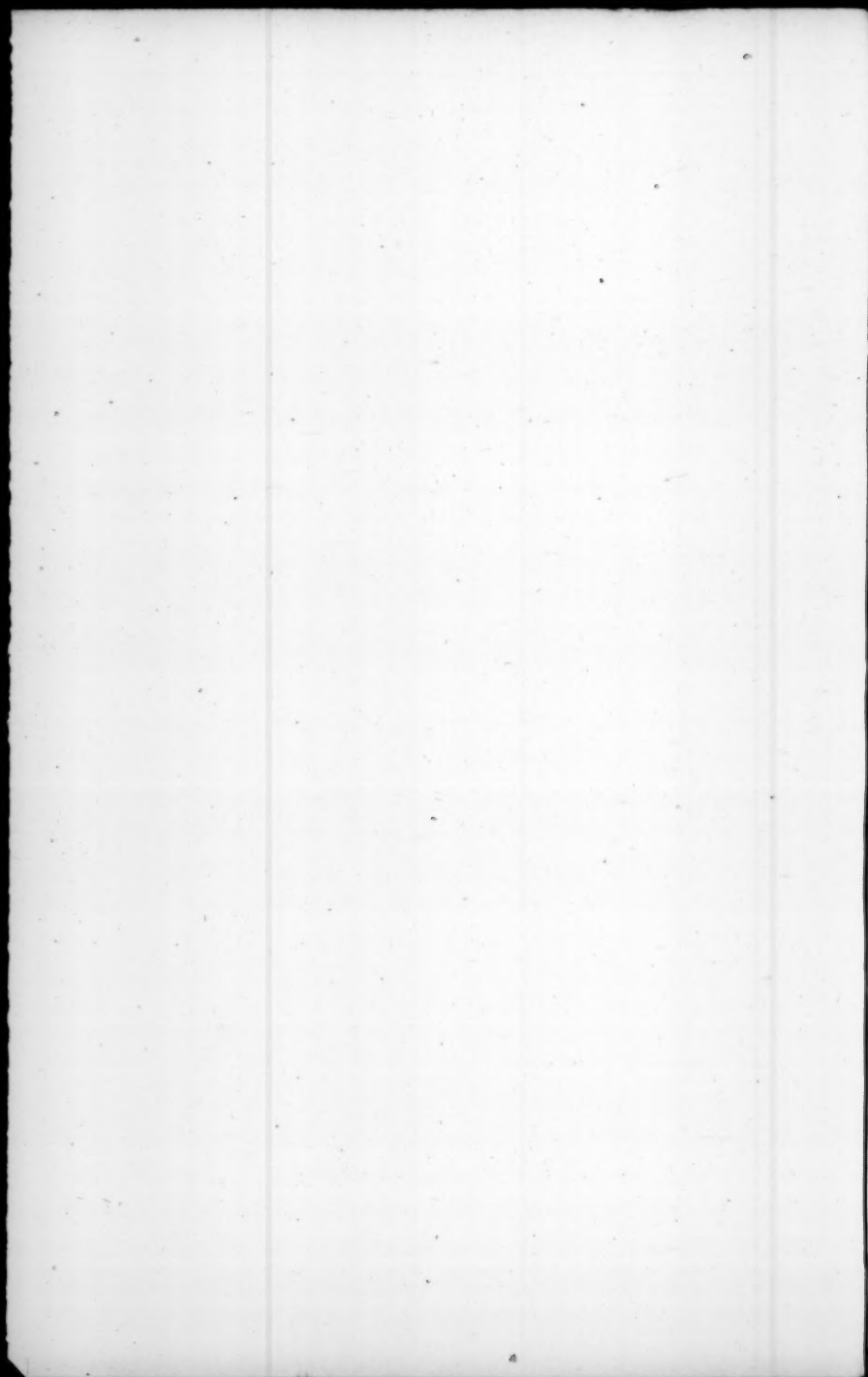




doubt) wherein we were utterly drowned, & hast brought us into the most
 cleare and comfortable light of thy blessed Word; by which we are taught
 how to serve and honor thee, and how to live orderly with our neighbours
 in truth and verity: the rest of the Collect remaining as before. Now
 what can be the cause of this strange purgation, but a resolved pro-
 fessed conspiracy of these Romish Prelates, even now againe utterly
 to drown us in *popish superstition and idolatry (which have now drow-
 ned us in Gods judgements, by their stupendious late increase among
 us) and to remove us out of the most cleare and comfortable light of Gods
 Word, by the which we are taught how to serve and honour him (the true
 cause why they now suppress Lectures, preaching, and suspend our
 powerfulllest Preachers every where,) that so we may walke on in ro-
 mish hellish darknes, serving and honouring the Pope and Divell in
 stead of God, and live in all disorder, without truth or verity. Fifty, in
 the 6. order for the fast, they have pared away this passage. To avoide
 the inconvenience that may grow by the abuse of fasting: Some esteeming
 it a meritorious worke, others a good worke, and of it selfe acceptable to
 God without due regard of the end; Onely to gratifie the Papists, whose
 doctrine this is, and to place some merit in this present fast:) adding
 this clause to it; in places where Sermons are allowed by the Proclamati-
 on; of purpose to put downe Wednesdai Lectures, and preaching in
 London and other places where any parish is infected. If these Prelats
 then be thus desperatly wicked and popish, as to take advantage of
 Gods judgements to suppress the preaching and Preachers of his
 Word when it is most necessary and usefull, and to countenance, ju-
 stifie, and set up Popery, superstition, idolatry, error and disorder (the
 chiefe causes of our plagues) even in these dayes of pestilence, & that
 in the very Fastbooke to abuse and mock God to his face, to dishonor
 his Majesty, and grieve his peoples soules; how transcendently impi-
 ous & popish wil they prove, when God shal stay this plague, if they
 bee not now deservedly punished for these their notorious impiet-
 ies? And is it not high time then for his Majesty to hang up such
 Archtraytors to our faith, Church, religion, & such truebred sons to
 the Roman Antichrist, (from whom Dr. Pocklington boasts they are li-
 nally descended) & to execute judgement on them for these strange
 purgations, & other their Romish Innovations, whereat the whole
 Kingdome crieth shame; which breed a general feare of a sudden altera-
 tion of our religion? Certainly til his Majesty shal see these purgations
 rectified, superstition & idolatry removed, Gods Sabbaths duly sancti-
 fied, the suppressed Preachers & *preaching of Gods word restored,

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 nivent,
 Diet. 1. c.
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 1. Job. 13. 9
 Gal. 6. 7.
 1. Sunday
 Sabbath, p.
 2. & 4.
 * The honor
 and safety
 of the King-
 dome.
 2 Chron.
 17. 7. 8, 9.
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hang up some of these Romish Prelates & Inquisitors before the Lord,
 as the ^k Gibeonites once did the 7. sons of Saul, we can never hope to a-
 bate any of Gods plagues, or draw down any of his blessings on us by
 such a fast, and Fastbook as this, but augment his plagues and judge-
 ments more and more, which have strangely increased since this fast
 begun, contrary to all human reason and probability, whereas it much
 decreased before; the total number dying of the plague the week be-
 fore the fast, being but 458. & 58 parishes infected, and the very first
 week of the fast 838 (treble the number the 2. last greatest plagues)
 & 67 parishes infected, in Cambridge, Norwich, Hampton, Bath, & other
 eminent places cleare before, being likewise visited since this fast be-
 gun; a cleare evidence, that God is much offended with these purga-
 tions & the restraint of preaching on the fast day, against which some
 Prelats are so nind, that they have silenced & persecuted divers Mini-
 sters since the fast proclaimed, there being now so many suspended in
 our Norwich Diocese, only for not yielding to popish innovations, that
 in sundry Churches they have neither prayers, preaching, nor fasting:
 which hath brought the plague among them, and made the people at
 their wits ends, many Ministers & people there having left the King-
 dome, and thousands more being ready to depart the Land, there be-
 ing never such a persecution or havock made among Gods Ministers
 since Q. Marias daies, as a lecherous proud insolent Prelate hath there
 lately made against all Lawes of God and man, to the astonishment of
 the whole Realme. What then can wee expect but plagues upon
 Ministers restored unto their former liberty, by our most gracious So-
 veraigne, persecution of Gods Ministers and people being one chiefe cause
 of plagues; Wherefore O England, England, if ever thou wilt be
 free from pests and judgements, take notice of these thy Antichri-
 stian Prelates desperate practises innovations, & popish designs, to
 bewaile oppose, redresse them with all thy force and power: O all
 ye English Nobles, Courtiers and others, who have any love or spark
 of religion, piety, zeale, any tendernes of his Majesties honour, or care
 for the peoples, the Church or Kingdoms safety yet remaining with
 in your generous breasts, put to your helping hands & prayers to rescue
 our religion and faithfull Ministers now suspended, from the jaws
 of these devouring wolves, and tyrannizing Lordly Prelates (raysed
 from the dunghill) who make havock of them both. Our most pious
 King Charles as thou hast in two severall Declarations, protested be-
 fore God to all thy loving Subjects, that thou wilt never give way to the
 licensing or authorizing of anything, whereby ANY INNOVATION IN
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THE LEAST DEGREE *may creepe into our Church; nor ever connive at ANY BACKSLIDING TO POPERY; and that it is thy hearts desire to be found worthy of that title which thou esteemeſt the moſt glorious in all thy Crowne, Defender of the faith;* to now behold theſe deſperate innovations, purgaſſons, and Romiſh practiſes of thy Prelates, in open affront of theſe thy *Declarations;* & now or never ſhew thy ſelfe (as we all hope, beleewe, and pray thou wilt) a Prince more worthy of this glorious *Title*, than any of thy royal progenitors, by rooting all Popery, ſuperſtition, idolatry, errors, innovations, out of this Church and & Kingdom, by reſtoring the preaching, the Preachers of Gods word and purity of his worſhip, and *taking vengeance* on theſe perfidious Prelates, who have thus gelded thy ſaitbook, (and intend to make an *Index expurgatorius* upon all other ancient English Writers ere they be reprinted, a thing conſiderable,) thus openly abuſed thy onely ſiſter, and her children, now preſent with thee; oppreſſed and grieved thy faithfull ſubjects, diſhonored thy God, betrayed thy religion, increaſed the plague among thy people, & as much as in them lyeth, robbed thee, both of thy Gods and peoples loves, & pulled thy Crowne off thy Royal head, to ſet it on their own trayterous ambitious pates, by exerciſing all eccleſiaſtical power, yea Papal juřiſdiction over thy ſubjects, in their own names and rights alone; and by trampling all thy lawes and Subjects liberties like Cobwebs, thy ſubjects like Dogs and dirt, under their tyrannical Papal feet. If thou thus execute judgement on them, and eaſe thy people from their intolerable tyranny, no doubt *this plague ſhall be ceaſed*, and this ſhall be pleaſing to the Lord; eſſe he wil not accept it, but proceed to plague us more and more. O bleſſed Sovereigne, that thou didſt but heare the ſeverall cries and outcries of thy people againſt theſe persecuting Prelates in many places, eſpecially in our *Normich* Dioceſſe, where little Pope ** Regulus* hath playd ſuch Rex, that hee hath ſuſpended above 60. of our ſincereſt painefulleſt conformable Miniſters, both from their Office and Benefice, ſo as many of our Churches (as the like was never ſince King *Iohns* dayes) are quite ſhut up, and *Lord have mercy upon us*, may be written on their dores: the people cry for the bread of their ſoules, and their Miniſters are prohibited to give it them; This not onely wounds but breakes their hearts, and makes them amazed. O therefore gracious Sovereigne helpe now, and heare the petitions, cries, and teares of thy poore people, and hang up theſe Popeliugs for theſe and other their innumerable oppreſſions, extortions, innovations and harmes, who ſuſpend, imprifon, ſcant,

and

1 Rom. 13

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1 Psal. 106

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** It ſignifies both a little King, a Wren, and likewiſe a Serpent, called a Naſtiſke, ſocalled becauſe like a tyrant he kills the men with his very*

and ruine others for meere toys and trifles, yea for defending your royall Prerogative against their Papall usurpations.

This is all the newes I shall now impart in this Coranto, the next weeke God-willing, you shall heare of Mr. *Dade* his excommunicating of *Ferdinando Adams*, a Churchwarden in our Towne, for not blotting out this sentence of Scripture written on Mr. *Wards* Church wall over his bawdy theevish Court. * *It is written my house shall be called an house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of theeves*; which excommunication is of record in S. Archamber; of our Bishops commanding. * *Wo is me if I preach not the Gospel out of Mr. *Scors* Church*; and of the strange proceeding; at Colchester against Mr. *Samuel Barrowes* for inditing Parlon *Necoman* for rayling in the Communion Table Alarwifo, and causing the Communicants to come up to the rayle to receive, in a new unaccustomed maner, contrary to the Statute of 1. *Eliz.* 2. and his Majesties Declarations, this last *Michaelmas* Sessions: which Indirement the Grand-Jury hath found, but his Majesty yet can get no judgement. In the meane tme, I shall conclude my Newes with the words of *Patrick Adamson* Archbishop of *St. Andrews*, in his * *Publike Recantation in the Synod of Fiffe*, Aprill 8, 1591. *That the office of a Diocesan Bishop hath no authority at all to support it in the Word of God; that it is only founded on the politicke divise of men; that the primacy of the Pope or Antichrist sprung from it, that it is worthily condemned and that it hath been for 500. years and more the chiefe origmall and instrument of suppressing the preaching of Gods Word in all Kingdomes, as all Ecclesiasticall Historians testifie.* I therefore shall close up all with the Collect on *S. Matthias* day; Almighty God, which in the place of the traitor * *Bishop Indas*, didst chuse thy faithfull servant *Matthias*, to be of the number of the 12. Apostles: Grant that thy Church, being alwaies preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithfull and true Pastors, through Iesus Christ our Lord. And with the Collect on *St. Peters* day; Almighty God, which by thy Sonne Iesus Christ hath given to thy Apostle *St. Peter* many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy Flocke: make (wee beseech thee) all Bishops and Pastors * *diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the Crowne of everlasting glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

From Ipswich November 12. 1636.

Thine in the Lord, Matthew White.

"written on Mr Ward's Church wall
over his bawdy thieves' Court"

Mr Ward, was minister of St Mary
Towers, and the "bawdy thieves' Court,"
~~is the~~ refers to the Ecclesiastical Court
held in that church - called the Arch-
-deacon's Court. It still exists at the east
end of the south aisle. 1845.